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shows a mild type, causing so far a very small rate of mortality, but it is possible for it to attain in the future a higher degree of virulency if the existing sanitary conditions with a tendency for the worse are not thoroughly attended to in due time.

From now on it will be a difficult matter to ascertain the exact number of cases of enteric fever and scarlatina prevailing, since most local practitioners fail to report them to the health officer, as has been customary heretofore. No penalty, to my knowledge, has been imposed on the physicians who have thus failed to comply with the sanitary regulations. This neglect will necessarily lead to the nonobservance of the usual prophylactic measures recommended in such cases, with all its dangerous consequences.

Report from Santiago—Disinfection of steamship Frieda, from Tampico.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, August 23 and 25, as follows:

During the week ended August 20, 1904, bills of health were issued to 2 vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

The British steamship *Frieda* arrived August 19 with the following history: Was at Tampico twelve days at wharf; crew went ashore; one man had fever there, but was cured before leaving. There were a great many mosquitoes; sailed from Tampico August 13; on the third day out one man was taken sick with fever and headache; on arriving at Santiago, three days later, he was still sick. As the steamer came from an infected port it was quarantined and the man was removed to the lazaretto. The steamer, which came in ballast, was disinfected. The committee on contagious diseases had the man under observation two days and then declared the case was not yellow fever. A microscopical examination of the blood was made and the malarial parasite was found. The patient has not been jaundiced; has not had albumin in the urine; the pulse has risen and fallen in proportion to the fever.

Three other members of the crew have been sick since arriving at Santiago. One had high fever for a few hours, but was well and returned to work the next morning. The other two had fever, beginning with a chill and headache.

The vessel, which is still in quarantine, when released will go to Daiquiri to load iron ore for a port in the United States. These vessels usually go to Baltimore or Philadelphia.

Steamship Frieda released from quarantine.

AUGUST 25, 1904.

The British steamship *Frieda*, of which I wrote an account on August 23, was released from quarantine this morning and left about 12 m. for Baltimore via Daiquiri. The captain took all his crew and they were apparently well.

The vessel will leave Daiquiri the evening of August 26 or the morning of the 27th.